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Appendix VII.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 843 asked by Sri S. Lazar at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 4th November 1958, page 509 supra.]

Starting of a Service Centre for the manufacture of farm implements and agricultural machinery in Tiruchirappalli district.

The scheme for the establishment of the Service Centre for the manufacture of farm implements and agricultural machinery in the Tiruchirappalli district was sanctioned in September 1956. The object of the Service Centre is to encourage the establishment of small units for the manufacture of farm implements and agricultural machinery of good quality which are in great demand. The workshop consists of a machine shop, foundry and a heat treatment shop. In consultation with the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, it is also proposed to encourage the manufacture of improved farm implements such as Japanese and Orissa plough, rice pudlers, green manure tramplers, Japanese seed drills, Japanese weeders, etc. The Industries Department is also in touch with the Agriculture Department for meeting the requirements of the ryots.

The establishment of the Service Centre is estimated to involve a non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 3·36 lakhs and a recurring expenditure of Rs. 0·46 lakhs besides a sum of Rs. 2·40 lakhs required for the purchase of raw materials, fuel, electricity, consumable stores, etc., per annum. The Government of India have sanctioned a loan of Rs. 3,05,196. The Service Centre has just now started functioning and is now doing some servicing work. Regular production will commence shortly, after the electric wiring is completed.

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